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253. கேள்வி.—திரு. எஸ். ஜே. ராமசாமி : கனம் முதல் அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) மாவட்டவாரியாக அமைக்கப்பட்டுள்ள நூலகங்கள் எத்தனை ?

(இ) கடந்த ஐந்தாண்டுகளில் புத்தகங்கள் வாங்குவதற்கு செலவிடப் பட்டுள்ள தொகை எவ்வளவு ?

(உ) எந்த அடிப்படையில் புத்தகங்கள் பொறுக்கி எடுக்கப்படுகின்றன ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A statement [a] is placed on the Table of the House.

(*c*) The basis on which the selection of books is made for the use of the libraries is as follows :—

The Local Library Authorities have got full discretion to purchase any book or to subscribe to any magazine for use in the libraries maintained by them provided they conform to the requirements mentioned below :—

(*a*) They should be of general interest and cultural value ;

(*b*) Books, if they are stories or novels, should be by standard authors and should not be of doubtful taste ;

(*c*) Books, magazines and journals abusing communities or religion should not be purchased ;

(*d*) Books, magazines and journals which are of doubtful taste or which contain undesirable pictures should not be purchased ; and

(*e*) Prescribed books should not be purchased.

***Note*.—An asterisk * at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]**

II.—CALLING ATTENTION TO EVICTION OF RYOTS FROM KADAMANUR, MADURAI DISTRICT.

SRI M. RAJANGAM : Sir, I wish to call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Food to a matter of urgent public importance viz., the forcible eviction of ryots from Kandamanur, Kadamalaikundu firka in Madurai district due to the measures taken by the Forest Department.

THE HON. SRI N. NALLASENAPATHI SARKARAI MANRADIAR : Sir, I wish to make the following statement : Gandamanaickanur Ex-zamin forests extending over about 96,000 acres in Periakulam Taluk was taken over by the Forest Department for administration under the Estates Abolition Act. The area consists of plain portions with scattered hillocks, undulating plateaux and evergreen sholas. These form the catchment area of the Vaigai river. The area adjoins the Kadamalaikundu, Myladumparai, Narasingapuram and Megamalai villages. The area has been notified as Reserved land under Section 26 of the Madras Forest Act in 1882. 9-30 a.m.

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In order to notify this area as Reserved Forest under the provision of the Madras Forest Act, preliminary action is being taken by an Assistant Conservator of Forests deputed for this purpose. After the areas were taken over, the Revenue Survey and Settlement was taken up. After the completion of the Revenue Survey and after the areas were settled and allotted by the Revenue Department as forests, the Forest Department is preparing a draft notification under Section 4 of the Madras Forest Act after doing necessary field work for notification purposes.

Meanwhile, there has been unauthorised occupation of the forest areas by the villagers. The villagers were indiscriminately clearing virgin forest lands and cultivating agricultural crops. The situation became alarming and the Government were apprised of the situation. In May 1960, the Government therefore ordered that it was not possible for the Forest Department to desist from taking action under the Land Encroachment Act in these areas. Thus, new encroachment occurring after December 1958, could not be taken lightly.

The present position is that atleast 10,000 acres have been encroached upon, cleared and cultivated after 1958 in Gandamanaickanur alone. Even with regard to sholas in the interior, the entire stretch has been cultivated with cardamom.

The Assistant Conservator of Forests, during the course of his survey work for preparing the draft section for notification, is coming across such encroachments within the forest areas. Action is being taken against these encroachers under the provision of the Madras Forest Act. During the current year, 38 cases of encroachment of over 83 acres involving 91 persons were booked and two cases involving 11 accused were prosecuted. If the catchment areas and sholas are allowed to be cleared indiscriminately, then the cultivation under Vaigai system will have to face a grave situation. The villagers have been sending representation after-representation to allow them to use the lands occupied by them unauthorisedly. It will be thus seen that the evictions ordered were in respect of encroachments which occurred after December 1958.

III. PRIVILEGE MATTER REGARDING DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ANSWERS TO MAIN QUESTIONS AND SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS.

திரு. கே. ஏ. மதியழகன் : ஸார், ஆன் எ பாயின்ட் ஆப் ஆர்டர், கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, நம்முடைய சட்டமன்றம் பாராளுமன்ற ஜனநாயக முறைகளை அனுசரித்து, நம்முடைய சட்டத்தில் சலுகைகள், உரிமைகள் கொடுத்து நல்லமுறையில் பெருமையாகவும் நடந்து வருகிறது. இப்போது நம்முடைய மூன்றாவது சட்டசபை தங்களுடைய சீரிய தலைமையின்கீழ் இந்த மன்றம் எல்லா உரிமைகளையும் பெற்று நடந்து வருகிறது. . .

Mr. SPEAKER : The hon. Member may come to the point before cajoling or praising.

Sri RAMA ARANGANNAL : It is not cajoling or praising.

Mr. SPEAKER : Let me know the point of order first.